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SIX HUNTERS PAY \$3,250 IN FINES FOR BAITING MARSH TO LURE DUCKS

Baiting an area to lure migratory waterfowl within range of the gun cost six Michigan men a total of \$3,250, officials of the Fish and Wildlife Service reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today. Federal and State game agents had arrested four hunters and two caretakers in a marsh on a private estate in Monroe County and seized 81 wild ducks.

Floyd McCourt, a motorcar company executive of Monroe, Mich., was fined \$750 after pleading guilty to taking wild waterfowl with the aid of bait and in excess of the daily bag limit. The game agent said that 23 ducks taken by Mr. McCourt were seized from one of the caretakers. Russell G. Ford, a motorcar company executive from Detroit, was fined \$500 on the same charges. Agents seized 23 wild birds shot by him.

Charles E. Wetherald, of Grand Blanc, Mich., was fined \$500 for shooting over the baited marsh and killing 18 ducks, while Edward C. Shaw, another motorcar company executive of Detroit, also paid \$500 for shooting 17 wild birds over the same area.

Two caretakers, Walter Fountain and Harold Bordeau, of Monroe, Mich., were each fined \$500 for aiding and abetting in the taking of the wild waterfowl over the baited area and aiding and abetting in exceeding the legal daily bag limit.

According to the Federal game agent, Mr. Fountain admitted in court that he had been baiting the marsh all season in accordance with instructions issued by Mr. McCourt.

No waterfowl hunting can be permitted on the marsh for the remainder of the season because of the presence of bait, the Federal agent announced.

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